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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Resolution aims to hush college gossip Web site

By DAVID HALL  
Staff Reporter

A resolution condemning a gossip Web site was passed unanimously by the Student Government Association's House of Representatives on Tuesday.

Student Body President Thomas Pressly said JuicyCampus.com is "sick and disgusting" and "derogatory toward TCU students."

Pressly said visitors to JuicyCampus are allowed to anonymously post derogatory information about other students.

The site currently services 60 campuses nationwide, including TCU, Southern Methodist University and Baylor University, according to the site.

The resolution was broken down into four parts. First, it

called for TCU administrators to encourage students to stay off of the site. It also asked the university to encourage panel discussions to inform TCU students of the harmful effects of the Web site.

Student Body Vice President Brett Major said the risk of exposing students to the existence of JuicyCampus is worth the desired outcome, which is discouraging use.

The resolution also called for Pressly to send letters to companies that advertise on JuicyCampus, requesting that they terminate relations with the Web site. Pressly also said he plans to mail other student body presidents, urging them to do the same.

Despite its condemnation of JuicyCampus, SGA doesn't plan to try to ban the Web

site on campus.

"I don't feel that if it were blocked it would make a difference," Pressly said. "Many students live off campus. We need to encourage students to stop visiting altogether."

Chancellor Victor Boschini said in an e-mail that he supports SGA's action in condemning JuicyCampus, calling the Web site "infantile and offensive."

He said the administration has no plans to ban JuicyCampus either. Instead, Boschini encouraged students to stop visiting the site.

Boschini said the Web site will only be powerful as long as students continue to visit it.

Matt Ivester, JuicyCampus' founder, was traveling during press time and could not be reached for comment.

## Targeted programs aim to draw in more minority applicants

By JULIETA CHIQUILLO  
Staff Reporter

The number of undergraduate applications from minority students has doubled in a span of two years, but a large portion of students don't complete them, said the director of admissions.

Of the minority students who applied for admission last fall, about 43 percent did not complete their application, according to admissions data. About 20 percent of white students did not complete their application.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said some students do not complete their application because they lose interest or get admitted somewhere else. He said minorities, especially black students, have more

options because they are heavily recruited by colleges and universities seeking to increase the number of under-represented students on college campuses.

"Everyone is scrambling to recruit them," Brown said.

He said of the four ethnic groups the university recognizes as minorities — blacks, Hispanics, Asians and Native Americans — applications increased from 1,973 to 3,956 or about 200 percent from 2005 to 2007.

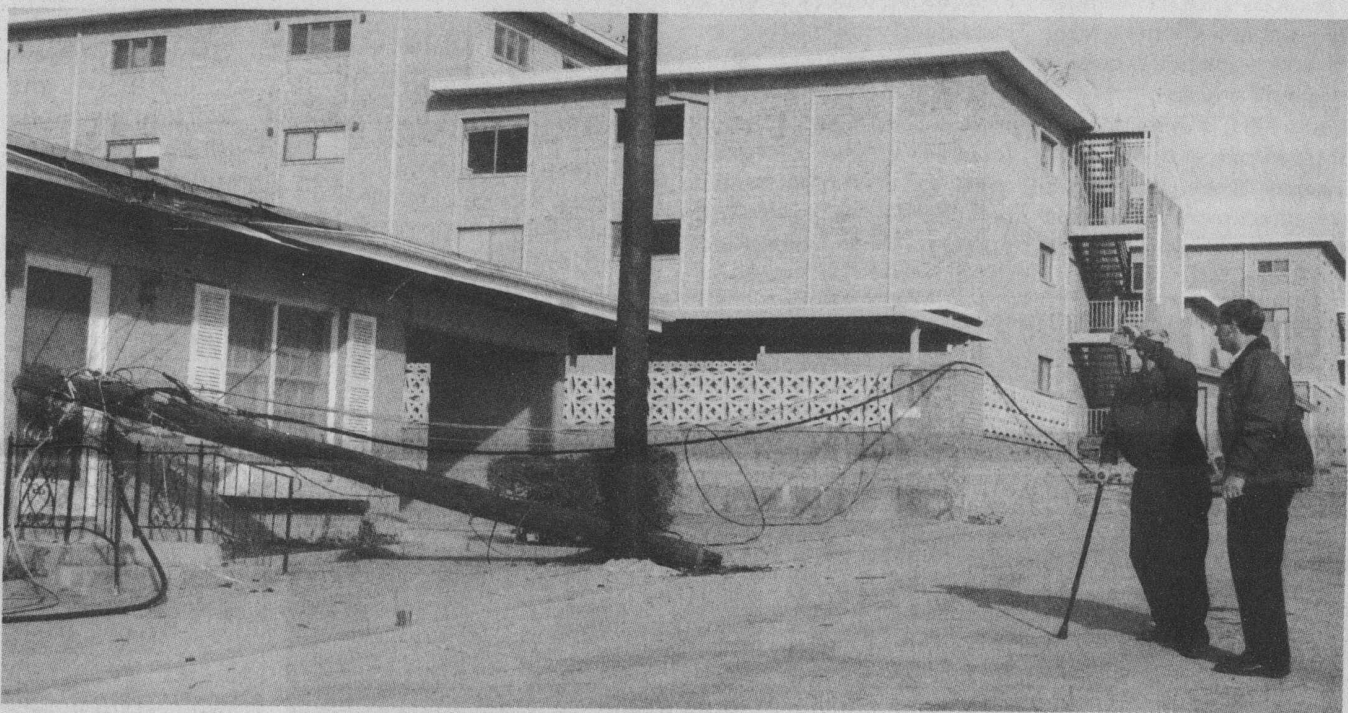
The number of white applicants increased about 24 percent from 2005 to 2007, and the number of international applicants increased about 48 percent in the same period, according to admissions data.

The university admitted about 58 percent of the minority students who completed their application, and of the 1,294 minority students who were admitted, 296 enrolled, according to admissions data.

Tyrone Jimmison, an admissions counselor, said some minority students question their qualifications when applying to the university.

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## ROADBLOCKED



Randy Cobb, safety director at TCU Risk Management, investigates the site where a telephone pole crashed into a house on Pond Drive in Worth Hills. A delivery truck's top corner caught wires, dragging down two telephone poles and a smaller pole Tuesday, temporarily closing the street, according to TCU Police.

## Fallen poles block road in Worth Hills

By CHRISTINA DURANO and SAEROM YOO  
Staff Reporter and News Editor

Two telephone poles and another smaller pole fell Tuesday afternoon when a Coca-Cola delivery truck's top corner caught some wires in Worth Hills, and students will not be able to drive through the area near the accident for a while, a TCU police officer said.

One of the poles fell into a house on Pond Drive — the street that connects Worth Hills to Bellaire Drive

North — and a neighboring apartment complex. Nobody was injured.

TCU Police Sgt. Alvin Allcon said the power company was investigating the damage. He said he doesn't know damage costs yet and the company is investigating how to prevent similar accidents by raising the wire height and adding clearance signs.

The homeowner, who denied to identify herself, said the electricity went out briefly but was restored.

Ryan Murray, a sophomore history

major who lives in Worth Hills, said it's inconvenient to have only one exit from the area. He said Pond Drive was the most convenient route in and out of Worth Hills.

Allcon said one of the poles that fell Tuesday was a new pole because the previous one fell last week.

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See video from the site online.

## Program's success baffles campus advocates

By SAEROM YOO  
News Editor

A successful clean-up event involves 50 participants for the on-campus environmental club. For a local chapter of a national human rights awareness organization, a concert draws 150 people spread throughout the day. A justice and advocacy movie week attracts about 10 to 15 people a night.

In the first hour of the a two-day movie screening designed to raise awareness about child soldiers in Uganda on Tuesday night, 140 viewers filed into the bleachers of the University Recreation Center's Special Events Room. The president of the organization said she expects many more tonight, because members will make classroom tours spreading the word about the event.

Last semester, a similar movie screening drew in about 700 viewers.

Although members of advocacy groups on campus say they face difficulties engaging students in their cause, Invisible Children, a local manifestation of a national nonprofit addressing the situation in northern Uganda, seems to have it down. Professors and students involved in social activism say advertisement techniques, timing and networking may be reasons behind the attraction.

In the organization's first fiscal year, 90 percent of its income came from donations of \$20 or less from high school or college students, said Jared Stauffer, 19, a "roadie," or volunteer from the organization's headquarters in California.

"I can't tell you why it has grown

to the size that it has," he said. "Other nonprofits have contacted us asking, 'How do you get these kids to do what they're doing?'"

Seth Harris, a senior international economics major and member of Frogs for Fair Trade, said he and his fellow members of the movement have faced the challenge of coming up with a language to portray a cause that can move and get through to people.

For Invisible Children, that language can be found in films.

The northern Ugandan children's story reached American soil when three college students from California returned home with it on film. The documentary film, "Invisible Children: Rough Cut," became the booming organization's vehicle to the forefront

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## Astronomy professor invites public to watch, contemplate lunar eclipse

By LANDON DINNIN  
Staff Reporter

A viewing for the last total lunar eclipse visible in Fort Worth until 2010 will occur tonight, an astronomy instructor said.

Instead of eclipsing in the early hours of the morning as it did during the last eclipse in August, the earth will cast its full shadow on the moon at about 9:30 p.m., making it particularly well-suited for viewing in Fort Worth, said Mike Fanelli, instructor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

TCU has arranged an event for people to view the red glow around the moon as it is totally eclipsed, said Doug Ingram, professor of

astronomy and event organizer.

Ingram said he usually invites his students to view events such as lunar eclipses or comets that pass by, but because this eclipse is going to be so clear and visible, he felt he should open an invitation to the public.

"I think that whenever there is something that happens in Fort Worth, it's worth watching," he said. See **ECLIPSE**, page 2

**FOR YOUR INFO**

### Lunar Eclipse Viewing

**When:** 7 p.m. today  
**Where:** Sid Richardson Building Lecture Hall 2



### WEATHER

**TODAY:** Mostly cloudy, 63/48  
**TOMORROW:** Showers, 57/39  
**FRIDAY:** Mostly sunny, 47/34

### PECULIAR FACT

**WASHINGTON** — Scientists discovered a fossil of a frog the size of a bowling ball with heavy armor and teeth and dubbed it Beelzebubo, or Devil Toad.  
— Associated Press

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## MINORITIES

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"Our standards aren't subpar by any means, but they're pretty high standards," Jimmison said. "When students find that out, they realize that maybe they are not qualified, or they think that they are not qualified, so they do not finish filling out their applications."

Brown said minority students comprise almost 19 percent of the fall 2007 freshman class, and minorities represented 9 percent of the freshman class in 1998.

Minority students make up about 15 percent of the student body, according to the 2007

TCU Fact Book. Hispanics are the largest minority group on campus, accounting for 7.2 percent of the student population.

Other private universities in Texas have a higher minority enrollment than TCU. Minorities, as recognized by TCU, account for about 21 percent of the student population at Southern Methodist University, about 23 percent at Baylor University and about 30 percent at Rice University, according to their university Web sites.

Brown said he attributes the growing presence of minorities on campus to several local, statewide and national initiatives targeting these groups.

Greg Trevino, director of Intercultural Education and Services, said Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services complements the admissions office's efforts to recruit minorities and increase diversity on campus.

Trevino said the two most popular programs are the Minority High School Conference and the Community Scholars Program.

Every March, the Minority High School Conference attracts more than 100 minority students from high schools in the area for an overnight stay at TCU, Trevino said. High school students participate in workshops and interact with

current students to learn about the college admissions process, he said.

"It seems to also be popular with our current students because we never seem to have a shortage of mentors," Trevino said.

The Community Scholars Program awards scholarships to minority students from nine local high schools.

Statewide efforts to recruit minority students include Camp College, a program that enlists the participation of colleges and universities across Texas to prepare under-represented students for higher education, Brown said. TCU hosted the camp for three

years, and staff members are still involved in the camp's programming aspects, he said.

The university hosted and sponsored a National Hispanic Institute program for five years, Brown said. The institute is a nonprofit organization that seeks to educate Hispanic students across the country about the college admissions process. Brown said the week-long summer camp for Hispanic students will be at a different campus this year, but TCU will continue to be involved with the institute.

Brown said TCU also recruits students through word of mouth. He said students who participate in university pro-

grams return to their communities and recommend TCU to other students. Black Senior Weekend, a new program targeting black high school seniors, is an example of viral marketing, Brown said.

"The buzz that we heard from the students while they were here and since then has just been beyond our expectations," Brown said.

A short-term goal is to boost minority presence in the freshman class to 25 percent, Brown said.

"I'm hopeful that we'll be able to make some bigger jumps between now and the next few years," he said.

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of social movement among the nation's youth. Invisible Children Inc. was founded based on the first viewers of the film in 2003.

"Video moves people," said Ashley Young, a junior advertising/public relations major and president of the local chapter. "When you see a music video on MTV, it's different from someone telling you there's a cool song."

Brittany Ray, a senior advertising/public relations major, said she attended the screening Tuesday because since she attended the screening last semester, she wants to keep herself posted on the Uganda situation.

Andy Fort, a religion professor and one of the pioneers of Hunger Week, said certain issues attract more people partly because they are compatible

with the culture at the time.

"Hunger, in the '80s, was super big because hunger was super big," Fort said.

He said despite the fact that hunger always exists, people are drawn to different issues because hunger is no longer the "temper of the time."

Fort also said networking is an important factor in social movements.

"Most people do things because people they know and like do it," he said.

Stauffer said the organization doesn't officially affiliate itself with a specific religious group to avoid limiting its scope, but that he and most his colleagues are Christian.

Keith Whitworth, a sociology professor and faculty sponsor of Invisible Children, said there is a tie between churches and the organization, and a lot of support comes from church youth

groups.

Harris said religion may provide a built-in network of people for Invisible Children. In contrast, the Fair Trade movement doesn't necessarily have a religious backing and it tries to appeal to individuals rather than a large bloc formed by a religious affiliation, he said.

But Stauffer said he doesn't see the religion aspect as something that has helped the organization.

"What really helped was the family and friends continuing to retell the story," he said. "Awareness is huge with peace."

### FOR YOUR INFO Invisible Children Screening

When: 8 p.m. today  
Where: University Recreation Center Special Events Room

## ECLIPSE

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Worth or surrounding areas, people look to TCU for leadership, so I felt I should get something together for the public so they could witness this rare event," Ingram said.

Mark Bloom, a biology instructor, said he plans on attending the event because he never took astronomy and is always interested in what people have to say about eclipses.

"There are lots of misconceptions out there about what causes a lunar eclipse, and most people's explanations would mean that an eclipse should happen with every lunar revolution, but that is simply not the case,"

Bloom said.

The moon will not be the only attraction, however, as viewers will also be able to see Saturn and the bright star Regulus, which makes up the heart of the constellation Leo.

Kelsi Woods, a freshman political science major, said she is attending the event because she has never seen Saturn, and she thought the event would be a perfect opportunity because of the available telescopes.

Lunar eclipses happen about once every six months, but they are not visible from everywhere on earth. The lunar eclipse happening next August will not be seen in the United States, but will be visible

in the Middle East area, Ingram said.

The event will begin with a question-and-answer discussion led by Ingram. In the discussion, Ingram said he plans on giving a lecture about eclipses and describing to the audience what they can expect to see.

Participants will then be led to the courtyard area in front of the Mary Coats Burnett Library, Ingram said, where binoculars and telescopes provided by the university and other volunteers will be available once the moon begins to eclipse.

### CLARIFICATION

Wendy Crowley is the director of Student Financial Services. Her title was inaccurate in a Tuesday story.

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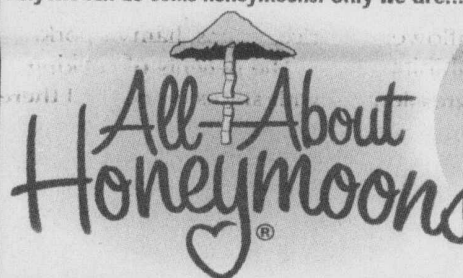


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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle."

— Plato

**THE SKIFF VIEW**

**Condemnation of gossip Web site good call**

The Student Government Association acted in students' best interests Tuesday, passing a resolution condemning the gossip Web site JuicyCampus.com.

SGA's effort to nix student use of the site is commendable — the Web site is slanderous and does nothing but breed negativity.

In fact, its slogan, "always anonymous, always juicy," is almost asking for people to write things about their peers they would otherwise be ashamed to write.

The information one posts doesn't even have to be true. The Web site has almost made itself lawsuit proof — in its terms and conditions it says, in a nutshell, that no one from JuicyCampus will be liable for any damage from content accessed through the site.

And there can definitely be damage.

If an employer Googles the name of a potential employee and some nonsense gossip pops up from JuicyCampus, he or she

may decide this candidate is not the best person for the job.

If students really are of the quality that the university brags about, they will stay off this site. Seeking revenge through a gossip Web site is unethical — in fact, it's cowardly.

Through its resolution, SGA intends to campaign against usage of the site and to educate students about its negative effects. But more than this, the resolution calls for the student body president to take a knife to the Web site's financial base, its advertisers.

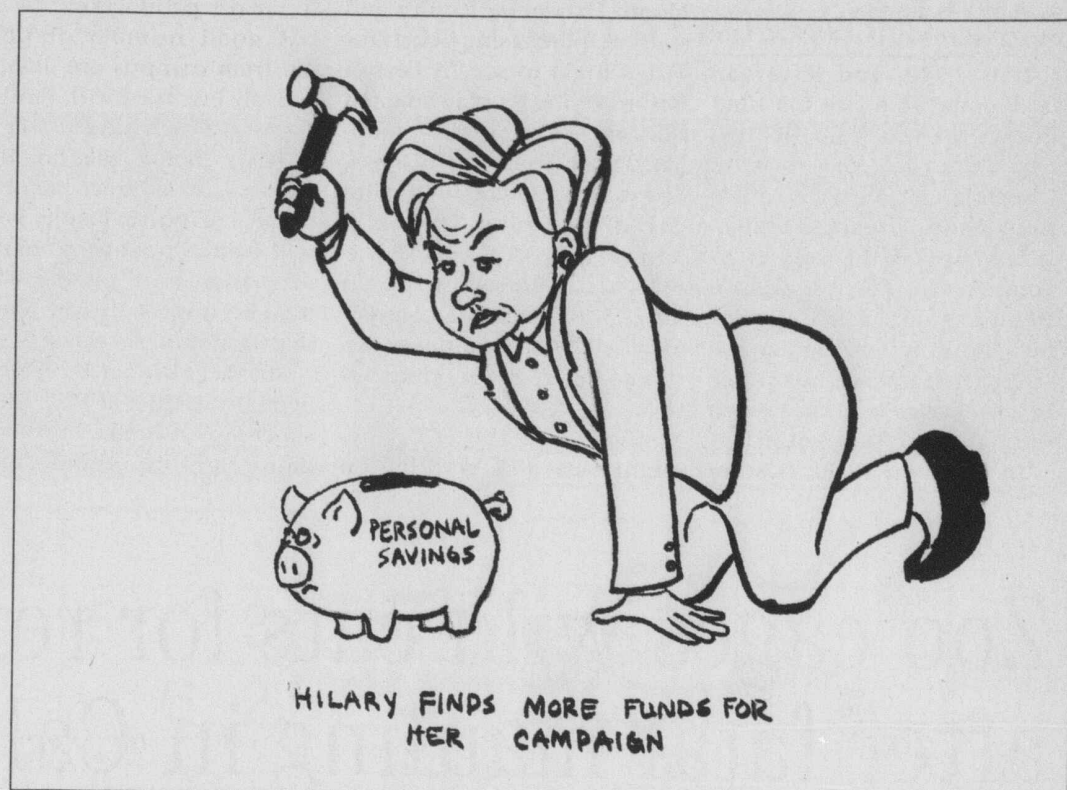
The president, as requested by the resolution, will send out letters to each of the advertisers asking them to terminate relations with the site.

Although TCU is only one university, SGA is taking a step in the right direction and is setting an example for other colleges across the country.

So follow SGA's advice and help TCU rise above this juvenile practice.

*Managing editor Bailey Shiffler for the editorial board.*

BY JACOB BRAHCE



*Jacob Brahce is a freshman criminal justice and political science major from Cedar Park.*

**Spices can be healthy update to mundane, bland diet foods**

All too often I visit with patients, clients, friends and even family and hear the

same piercing

words. My body cringes and the hairs on the back of my neck rise as someone utters, "If it's healthy for you, it can't taste good."

It pains me to think of the vast number of people who suffer from this misconception. True, healthy foods have been stereotyped as bland, dull and quite cardboard-like. But the truth of the matter is that low-fat and low-sodium cooking can boast exceptional flavors with spices.

As dietitians, we recommend seasoning meats, poultry, vegetables, grains and more with succulent spices instead of adding butter, oil or salt. The American Heart Association recommends limiting consumption of fat, especially saturated and trans fat, and sodium, to help prevent heart disease and high blood pressure. But the

health benefits of spices stretch beyond jazzing up a baked chicken breast or sautéed vegetables.

Anne Vanbeber, professor and chair of the nutrition and dietetics department, notes in her article "Spices of Life" that modern research is affirming the medicinal value of spices.

Vanbeber recommends stocking your spice rack with:

1. Turmeric: A peppery powder commonly added to curries, lentils, cauliflower and potatoes that inhibits promotion and progression of breast, prostate, lung and colon cancers.

2. Ginger: A root found in fresh, powdered and crystallized forms that has been shown to be more effective than Dramamine in reducing dizziness, nausea and vomiting associated with motion sickness.

3. Cinnamon: A bark commonly used in breakfast cereals, desserts and beverages that

may help significantly reduce blood-glucose levels in Type 2 diabetics and risk factors for cardiovascular disease.

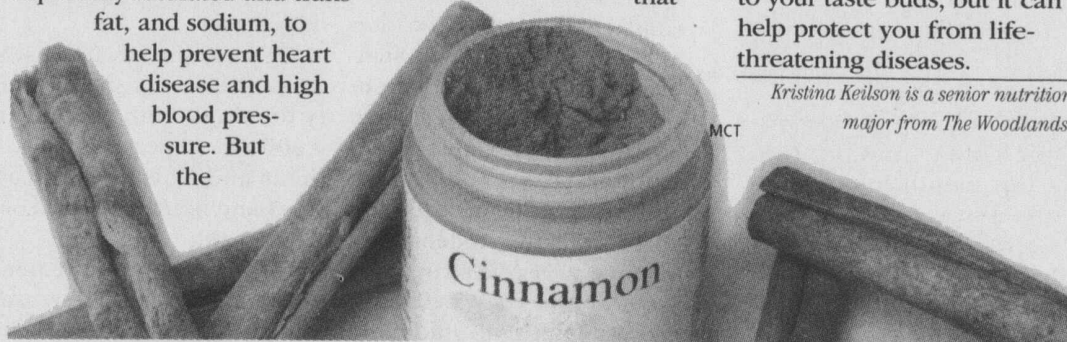
4. Cayenne: A fiery powder that contains antioxidant immune-enhancing properties, which can reduce pain, prevent ulcers, maintain heart health and relieve nasal congestion.

5. Cloves: A dried flower bud that provides antioxidant, anti-microbial and anti-inflammatory properties and is commonly used to flavor rice, grains, ham or pork.

The benefits of cooking with spices do not end there. Researchers at the University of Hong Kong claim common seasoning can protect you from food poisoning. They found that a higher antioxidant value has a greater ability to inhibit bacterial activity. The top protectors were cloves, cinnamon sticks and oregano.

Not only will adding just a half teaspoon of spices provides a symphony of flavor to your taste buds, but it can help protect you from life-threatening diseases.

*Kristina Keilson is a senior nutrition major from The Woodlands.*



**New video game proves sex sells, not playability, quality of product**

When I heard D3Publisher was releasing a video game for Wii in the U.S. called "Oneechanbara Revolution," with

a main character who

fights zombies wearing nothing but a cowgirl bikini, my ears perked.

The article I was reading went into great detail about the company and how it was marketing the video game, and that's when I realized that this is just one more example of how sex sells merchandise.

According to IGN.com, the publishing company decided to send a real-life, un-pixelated version of the bikini hero to the editorial offices of video game magazines and Web sites. I guess the idea was that the nearly naked model would distract editors from the fact that D3 had made, according to the Web site "one of the worst attempts at making a Wii game so far."

Even worse, the star of the video game is guaranteed more press time because an Oneechanbara movie is due for release in Japan this April.

Obviously the release of the video game and movie is just a money grab by D3Publisher, but it is rep-

"The only reason that we have so much sex in our video games is because there is a demand for it."

**Andrew Young**

resentative of a problem abroad, as well as in the U.S. It was Jon Foreman of Switchfoot who said, "Sex is currency, she sells cars, she sells magazines."

And the truth is, she is and she does.

I'm not going to pretend that a bikini wearing Japanese cowgirl in a video game is going to make 12-year-olds have sex with cheap prostitutes. The fact of the matter is that for every scientific study proving that sex and violence in the media cause kids to have sex and kill each other, there is another scientific study that shows these things have no effect on kids.

The problem is that despite whether morally reprehensible subject matter in the media affects kids, it represents a problem in the society that it comes from. The only reason that we have so much sex in our video games is because there is a demand for it. If sex is currency, people have to be willing to spend it, and they are.

The fact that the D3Pub-

lisher public relations team got together and decided that the best way to promote a video game is not by highlighting the level of playability of the game, but by dressing up a model in next to nothing in an attempt to get better game reviews is appalling.

I don't know if there was ever a time when a product was bought and sold because it was a good product, but perhaps that is not the issue here. Perhaps the issue is not that the game is the product, but that what the main character is wearing is the product, and the game is only justification for the sale of that product.

This may be too simplistic, but either way, the fact of the matter is that D3Publisher is selling exactly what the consumer demands. As long as the consumer wants more sex in his or her video games, movies and television, then the consumer will get more sex in his or her video games, movies and television.

If the U.S. is content with paying for cheap, pixelated images of sex, then more power to it. But if people get the feeling that maybe they are being had then they better step up and stop demanding exactly what it is they are receiving.

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**Police need more training to interact with disabled**

Law-enforcement personnel need more training about how to interact with persons with disabilities.

The videotape of a quadriplegic man being dumped from his wheelchair by a sheriff's deputy while in custody in Florida has stirred outrage and has led to the unpaid suspension of the deputy. For the 1.6 million people like me who use wheelchairs, the incident is particularly galling.

But here's another recent case that didn't get as much attention:

In November, police in Wichita, Kan., entered a home in response to a report that

gunshots were heard. A black man emerged from the bathroom wearing only a towel wrapped around his waist. Police ordered him to show his hands and when he did not comply, he was Tasered.

The call was a false alarm, and the man, Donnell Williams, was hard of hearing and not wearing his hearing aids. Williams said he didn't comply with police orders because he couldn't hear what they were saying.

It's not hard to find stories about police who brutalize people with disabilities. And the Florida case seems to go well beyond a lack of sensitiv-

ity training. It appears to be a pure and simple case of the mean-spirited abuse of power.

But once justice is done in this instance, the larger questions still remain.

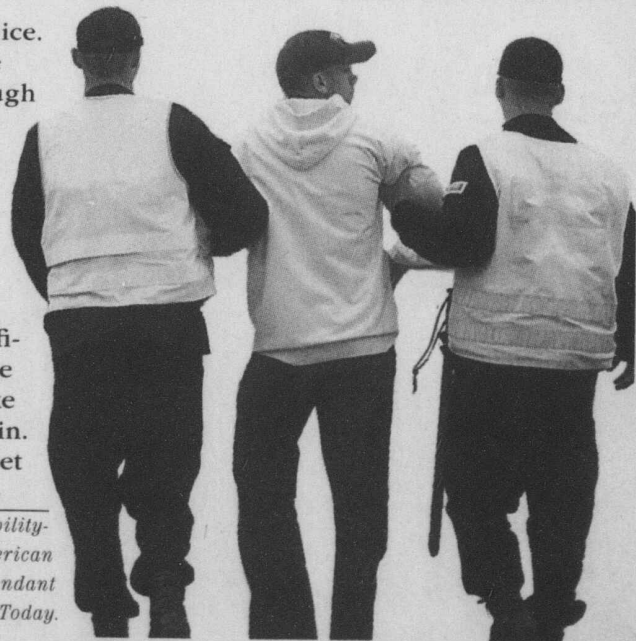
Are police officers well trained to recognize the behaviors and body language associated with specific disabilities? Do they have readily available sign language interpreters? Are their vehicles and facilities wheelchair accessible? Laws like the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act hold law-enforcement entities responsible for ensuring that people with disabilities are treated fairly in

encounters with police.

But such laws are enforced only through vigilance.

People with disabilities have encounters with police every day. And if police chiefs don't know or care enough to ensure officers treat us with due respect, incidents like this will happen again. But they might not get captured on video.

*Mike Ervin is a disability-rights activist with American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today.*



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# Play tells of black boy's plight during prejudice times

By PATTY ESPINOSA  
Staff Reporter

It is 1940, and Jefferson is doomed to a fate his kind knows all too well. He had five weeks to learn to walk like a man for all blacks of his time, and for years to come.

Jefferson is the lead character in the play "A Lesson Before Dying," which depicts his journey to find dignity and strength as a black boy living in a prejudice era, after being wrongly accused of murder.

In honor of Black History

Month, students, faculty and staff are purchasing tickets for TCU's night to see "A Lesson Before Dying," a play adapted from the Pulitzer Prize-nominated novel by Ernest J. Gaines. The play is showing until Sunday at the Jubilee Theatre in downtown Fort Worth.

Although the show began Jan. 25, the campus community will be offered ticket discounts for the 8 p.m. Thursday show.

Members of the TCU community are also working on

the play's production.

A good number of people from campus are always actively involved with Jubilee Theatre, which attracts a large TCU audience, said Bob Ray Sanders, an adjunct member of the journalism faculty who will lead a post-show panel discussion with people who have been wrongly convicted, imprisoned and released.

Michael Skinner, a resident lighting designer at TCU, is the set designer. Roma Flowers, a dance lighting designer and

instructor at TCU, also participated as the lighting designer for the production.

Skinner said the script is powerful enough to force people to realize that the issues of prejudice and discrimination are not set so far back in our history.

People see a little bit of themselves in Jefferson in that everyone is trying to find the meaning of life, he said. Skinner said Jefferson, unfortunately, had to find it in his death.

Chelsie French, a sophomore news-editorial journalism major who plans to attend the show for her Race, Gender and the Mass Media class, said it will give people a different perspective as to what life was like in the 1940s.

Using the story of an individual wrongly accused of murder will open up the eyes of everyone who attends the show, French said.

Sanders said people never take the time to get to know an individual and instead care

about the crime and the number of individuals who are involved. This is why people end up in situations like Jefferson's, he said.

## FOR YOUR INFO TCU Night

What: "A Lesson Before Dying"  
Where: Jubilee Theatre  
When: 8 p.m. Thursday  
Box Office: 817-338-4411  
How Much: \$5 for students  
\$10 for faculty/staff

# Zoo cages wild cats for renovations after fatal mauling in California

By LINDA GOLDSTON  
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The big cats pace rhythmically, their amber eyes riveted to the target. Tails swish, low growls rumble from their throats. Back and forth, back and forth.

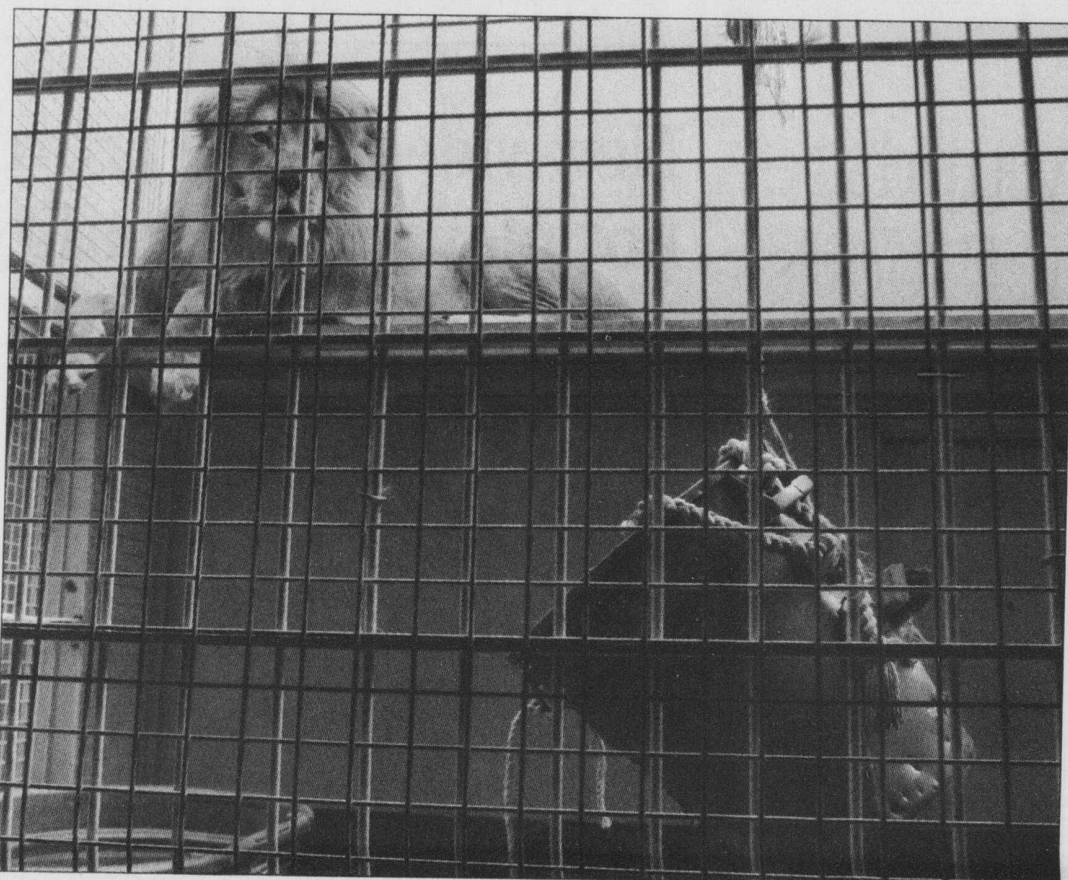
Kimani, a 5-year-old African lion, attacks first. The 350-pound cat reared up on her hind legs and ripped away with her front paws. Today's prey: a giant roll of paper towels.

Quickly, she hunkered to the ground when Tunya, her 450-pound father, lunged into the cage. With one mighty swipe, he tried to knock the roll from its rope. No luck. Temporarily spent, Tunya turned for a drink of water, then sauntered back to the adjacent cage and sank down for a nap.

It's been like this for almost two months, ever since Christmas Day, when a Siberian tiger escaped its grotto and fatally mauled a 17-year-old San Jose man and injured two others. For 54 days, while their outdoor enclosure is being renovated, the big cats at the San Francisco Zoo have been stuck indoors — and out of public view — like giant, precocious children kept inside on a rainy day.

Animal keepers responsible for the big cats have had their own challenges — keeping the zoo's four lions and four tigers entertained and challenged, mentally and physically. Every day, they come up with a new game, a new routine, a new toy that might amuse the cats one day, bore them the next.

On Friday, the zoo keepers gave a San Jose Mercury News reporter a behind-the-scenes look.



Jahari, an African lion, rests with chew toys indoors at the San Francisco Zoo on Feb. 12. Jahari and other big cats at the zoo have been caged since a Siberian tiger escaped on Christmas day, fatally mauling a 17-year-old and two others.

for chewing, such as large plastic garbage cans and beef bones hidden in paper bags. They've shown the cats wild-life movies and documentaries, and all four lions and tigers seemed to enjoy them at first.

But Leanne, a 4-year-old Sumatran tiger, emerged as the only real movie fan. Disney's "Lion King" is her favorite, but she also didn't turn away for a second when she watched a documentary about elephant seals. The TV is kept just across from her cage.

All kinds of spices and smells — from human perfumes to urine from other animals — are sprinkled in straw or dripped on the cats' favorite chew toys.

"Rhino bedding has been

er, primary keeper of the big cats. That's straw the rhino marked or urinated on, straw the big cats love to smell and roll in. "They can tell a lot of things from urine that we can't come close to telling."

It's easier to keep the lions happy indoors. But the zoo keepers have worked extra hard to keep the cats entertained, because they have more stimulation when they are allowed to come-and-go outside.

"I was worried the cats would be very anxious, but we're not seeing that," said Jacqueline Jencek, chief of veterinary services for the zoo.

Zoo officials are waiting for the day the big cats can return to their outdoor play areas with rocks to climb

Workers are finishing up renovations on the outdoor grottoes, but zoo officials still couldn't say late last week when they would re-open. A higher wall, new glass barriers and electrified wires are being added, steps some critics say might have prevented Tatiana the tiger from escaping the grotto. The grotto's wall for years was 4 feet lower than national guidelines, but will now be the recommended 16.4 feet.

San Francisco police suspended their investigation late last month into whether the three San Jose men — Carlos Sousa Jr., who was killed, and brothers Paul and Kulbir Dhalwal — taunted Tatiana before she escaped. Police shot and killed the tiger after the attacks.

# London program adds UK partner university

By BIBEK BHANDARI  
Staff Reporter

The Center for International Studies has expanded its London program by aligning with the University of Westminster, U.K., making it a full-time fall and spring program in addition to its summer program.

Students now have a chance to access courses in every discipline, and the entire course catalogue at Westminster will be available to them, said Susan Layne, coordinator of TCU in London.

Jane Kucko, director of The Center for International Studies, said before its affiliation with Westminster, the program was only limited to five courses and an internship.

"The expansion is about opening up coursework for our students," Kucko said. "We believe students now — all majors and minors — will have opportunity to select courses that are appropriate and fit into their major area of academic study."

After considering Regent's College, London Metropolitan University and City University London, the University of Westminster was chosen for its variety of courses, internship placement and residential housing facility, Kucko said.

David Whillock, associate dean of the College of Communication who made a site visit to Westminster, said previously TCU rented a location in London from Florida State University and faculty from different universities gave lectures, which limited TCU students from interacting with students from other universities. Now, students can become part of a structured system, and they will have an opportunity to study and live with other Westminster students.

Brianna Saraceno, a sophomore English major planning to study at Westminster next semester, said the experience would help broaden her world view, familiarize her with the city and build friendships and a network in the area she wants to pursue.

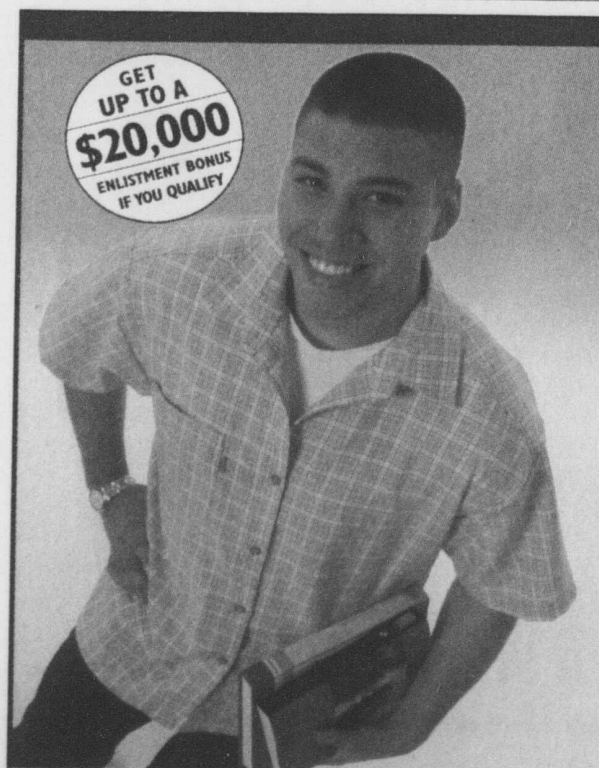
Students enrolled in the program will take 16 credit hours, Layne said. Students may opt for a university-placed internship, which will give them credit for eight credit hours. The courses will be pre-approved to ensure they meet students' majors.

The students will have an opportunity to study on any of the four Westminster campuses — Cavendish, Marylebone, Regent or Harrow — and the courses include bioscience, informatics, business, law, social science, humanities and languages, computer science, architecture and media, and arts and design, Layne said. Students applying at Harrow for a practical module in media and fine arts need to submit a portfolio of their work samples, and all students require a 2.8 GPA to apply at Westminster.

Students can use their scholarships and financial aid at Westminster, Kucko said. The students pay a flat TCU tuition and a \$4,800 program fee that will cover their residency cost.

At Westminster, TCU students will have an opportunity to mingle with more than 4,000 other international students and expand their cultural and academic horizon, Layne said.

"The Westminster experience is going to allow our students to find their niche better than when we had a smaller program," she said.



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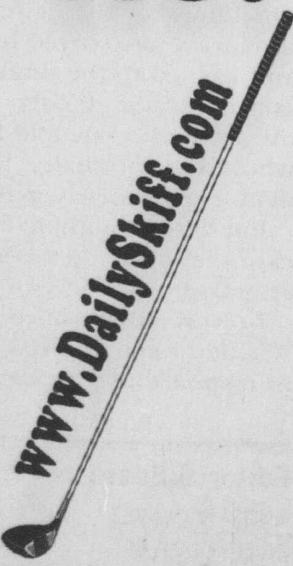
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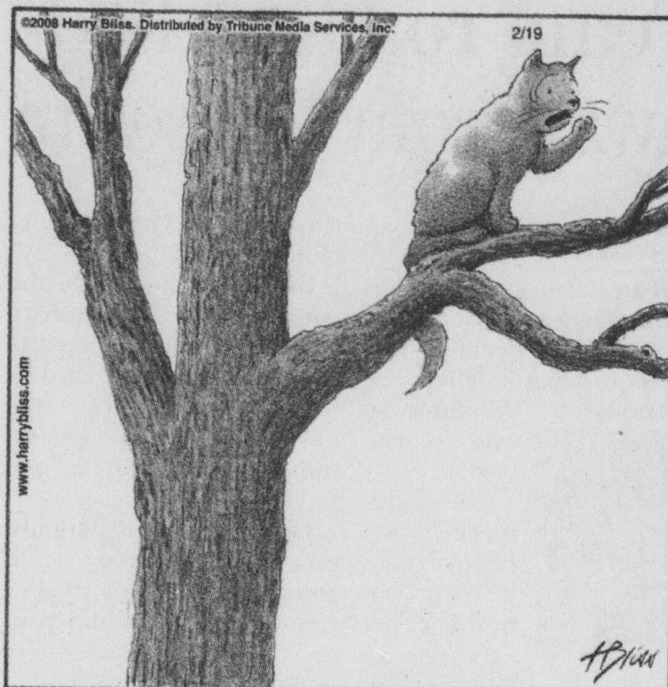


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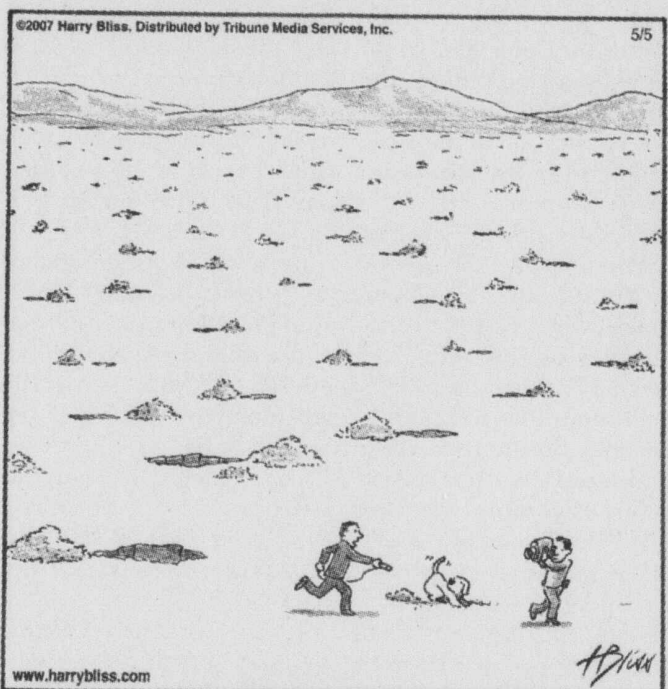
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See Thursday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

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26 NYC arena  
27 Immature insect  
28 Mind reading  
29 Place of worship  
30 College bigwig  
31 Chef's brunch dilemma  
32 Head of France  
33 Oddball  
34 Payable  
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Junior forward John Ortiz and the Horned Frog basketball team play a Colorado State team, which is winless in conference play. In TCU's first matchup with CSU the Horned Frogs won their only road win of the season 70-58.

## Frogs to face conference cellar-dweller

By MEGAN MOWERY  
Staff Reporter

Patience is a virtue the men's basketball team is having a difficult time achieving.

Coming off consecutive road losses to Wyoming and New Mexico, the Horned Frogs have a chance to mend their wounds Wednesday night against the Colorado State Rams.

Junior guard Henry Salter said the team has been impatient the past few games.

"We've been making bad decisions and rushing shots," Salter said. "And I think the key is to be patient."

TCU beat Colorado State 70-58 at the Moby Arena in Fort Collins on Jan. 19 winning its only road game this season.

Senior Neiman Owens said a win against Colorado State would get the team back on the right track.

"The team needs to maintain its focus and have a solid game," Owens said.

TCU is 11-3 at home but is 1-10 in road contests.

Owens said there isn't anything the team can do on the road other than get prepared mentally.

"It's a mental thing," Owens said. "We've just got to get it right."

Most of the away games are winnable, junior forward Kevin Langford said. He said the team just needs to make better decisions.

"We need to take care of the ball," Langford said.

The Horned Frogs have a 7-4 all-time record against the Rams, which are winless in the Mountain West and carry a 16-8 record overall.

When the teams met earlier this season, junior guard Marcus Walker kept the Rams in the game by scoring 25 points and connecting on all 10 of his free throw attempts.

Salter led TCU scoring 14 points — hitting four from the three-point line. In the first meeting, the Horned Frogs

and the Rams each had a foul-plagued half.

The first half belonged to CSU which connected on 15 of 17 free throws, compared to TCU's two of three. In the second half, the Horned Frogs attempted 19 frees, hitting 15 of them while the Rams made four of six.

TCU took control of the game in the second half after being down one point at the start. The Horned Frogs outscored CSU 39-26 in the half, holding the Rams to 35 percent shooting in the game.

The Horned Frogs have five remaining games in the regular season and need to win four to finish .500 in conference play.

### FOR YOUR INFO Colorado State vs. TCU

Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum  
When: 6:30 p.m. today  
On TV: The Mountain

### BRETT'S BREAKDOWN

## Team roadblocked away from Coliseum

By BRETT LARSON  
Sports Editor

Teams are supposed to win at home and road games should be the deciding factor as to whether they can compete as one of the best.

The men's basketball team has proven the home court advantage theory by going 11-3 so far, but it's still stuck below mediocrity because of its inability to compete away from Fort Worth.

With only one win in 10 tries at opposing venues, the Horned Frogs have shown little chance of being able to contend in the Mountain West Conference.

Promising wins against San Diego State and New Mexico at home have been immediately nullified by poor play on the road.

Teams TCU handily beat at home seem like completely new ones on the road. TCU dominated its first game against Wyoming winning 83-56. In the second meeting in Laramie, the Cowboys won by 19.

TCU's lone win away from Daniel-Meyer Coliseum came against Colorado State, a team that has not won a conference game all season and is only 3-7 at home.

With five games left in its season, a 4-7 conference record and two away games, the Horned Frogs have to win at least one game on the road to even finish .500 in the Mountain West.

The inability to win on the road has been a glaring problem since TCU joined the conference.

The five remaining games TCU has left are against teams it has gone 1-4 against

this season. Things don't look too good.

In its first season in the conference, TCU failed to win a single game on the road finishing 0-14, and in its second season TCU was only able to win two games, finishing with a 2-10 road record.

Head coach Neil Dougherty has been very open with his opinions on the differences between the other conference universities home crowds and TCU's.

The big game atmosphere that comes with a raucous home crowd has had some obvious effects on the Horned Frogs' road play as has the lack of crowds in Daniel-Meyer.

The average crowd the basketball team has faced this season is 7,746 compared to 3,389 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Even with 14 home games and 10 away games this season, the difference in attendance numbers is more than 30,000 people, with the advantage belonging to the road crowds.

Fortunately, the team has performed well at home, thanks in part to Dougherty's pleas for student support.

In its third season facing tough Mountain West crowds, the Horned Frogs should have the tough road experience needed to compete.

Last year's regular season conference champions BYU lost only one conference game on the road — its only conference loss of the season.

The qualifications for a good team are simple. Win at home and take the majority of games on the road.

TCU is halfway down the road, but the other half appears to be a much more difficult journey.

### NATIONAL

## Celebrity status follows Young back to college

By CHIP BROWN  
The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN — After winning Rose Bowl Offensive MVP honors while leading Texas to the national title in 2005, Vince Young says he's getting no perks for coming back to school to complete his degree in applied learning and development/youth and community studies this semester.

"I have to hunt for a parking space just like everyone else," Young said. "And they still charge \$50 for parking tickets. I know that."

Brian Davis, who heads Texas' academic services for football, said he thought about getting Young "a bodyguard" after Young's first day in a psychology class turned into an impromptu autograph show.

"Then I realized Vince is a big boy and he can handle himself," Davis said. "Vince basically told all the students in his class that they needed to take their seats and listen to the professor."

Young received a standing ovation in that class from the students, leaving the professor perplexed.

"The professor, she's from California, worked at UCLA and just moved here," Young

said. "I think she thought the applause was for her."

Young gets stopped wherever he goes on campus.

"Some of the kids are shocked to see me," Young said.

Young will have a semester of work left — 12 hours — after this semester to complete his degree in the college of education. On campus, things have gotten so crazy at times for Young, the student newspaper, The Daily Texan, published an editorial that said, "Don't hound him for autographs."

But after signing a \$58 million contract two years ago as the No. 3 overall draft pick of the Tennessee Titans, Young is hardly slumming it the way he did as a freshman in the dorms back in 2002. He's renting a house with a swimming pool, hot tub and weight room until he finishes the semester in June.

"I like to get a workout in early, study and go to class and then take care of my NFL business and work on my foundation in the afternoon," Young said.

Young said he turned down going to the Super Bowl in Glendale, Ariz., and all of its

parties to focus on his studies. He wants his degree because he wouldn't feel comfortable talking to kids about the importance of education if he didn't complete his own.

"It's not about the money and fame," Young said. "It's about education."

Young's decision to return to school came before the Titans fired offensive coordinator Norm Chow, who has since landed at UCLA. The Titans replaced him with Mike Heimerdinger, who returns to Tennessee after two seasons in Denver.

"I was pretty surprised (about Chow's firing)," Young said. "But it's a business. You have to stay on your assignment. Norm Chow taught me a lot."

Young said school has kept him from spending a lot of time with Heimerdinger, but he doesn't expect the offensive terminology to change much.

The Titans (10-6) made the playoffs despite a cast of unheralded receivers, such as Roydell Williams, Brandon Jones and Justin Gage.

"I think we can win with the guys we played with last year," Young said. "Sure, I would love

to have a Chad Johnson, but the guys we have all helped our team. It was our first year working with some of those receivers."

Young, who says he's almost recovered from a right quadriceps injury that bothered him most of the season, isn't the only former UT player taking classes. Minnesota Vikings

cornerback Cedric Griffin and Titans safety Michael Griffin are also back.

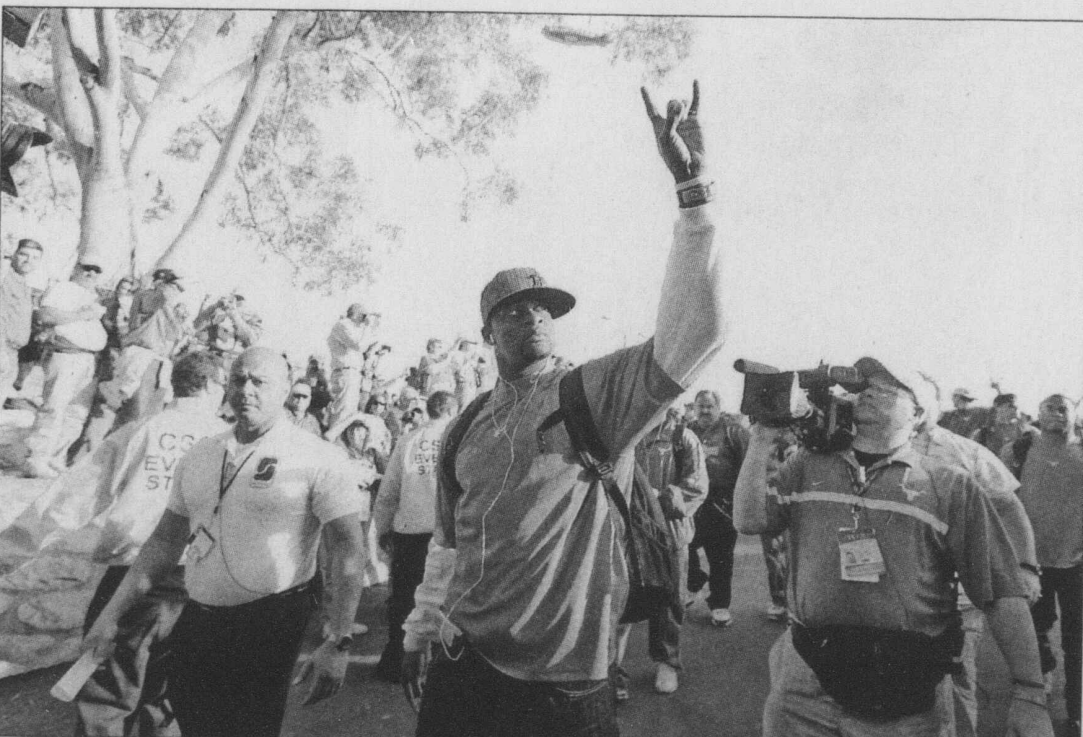
"We probably don't get stopped as much as Vince," Cedric Griffin said.

Former Longhorn and current Houston Texans offensive lineman Kasey Studdard is living in Austin this off-season. Studdard protected Young

throughout that national title run in 2005. Now, Young is using Studdard again.

"To avoid parking on campus and getting all those tickets, I usually just ask Kasey to pick me up and drop me off," Young said, laughing.

So maybe being a student named Vince Young at Texas does have its privileges.



Rose Bowl Offensive MVP and NFL player Vince Young returned to the University of Texas with plans to complete the credits needed to graduate, which is drawing attention from many UT students.